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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: CTS Input to Selected NIEs []

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1. I have just reviewed the new NIE [] In paragraph 62, the NIE lists a series of possible indicators of decay that may set [] in the future. This made me wonder if we might consider a new procedure whereby we would introduce a Collection Tasking summary and matrix into some of the NIEs. Here, for instance, we could take these signs of decay as the rows in your schemata of collection capability and then display and discuss what our capabilities are. []

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2. Mainly, I have in mind that this might be very helpful in bringing out a better recognition of the role of the NITOs and of making a direct connection between our analysis and our tasking. It would also begin to make it a requirement to establish what indicators we are looking for when trying to improve on a data base on which an NIE is based or to determine whether events are going one way or the other as predicated in the NIE. []

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